

## THE MAYOR OF CAPE TOWN.

His Recent Visit to Chicago—Importance of South Africa.



MAYOR GRAAF.

South Africa has so lately become an important factor in the world that millions of Americans still think of it as a wilderness; and the arrival at Chicago of commissioners promising a wonderful exhibit at the Columbian exposition astonished the best informed among the managers. Hon. David Pieter de Villiers Graaf, mayor of Cape Town for the third time, though but thirty-two years old, also astonished the Chicagoese.

It does seem a surprise to hear that law and order, science and progress prevail over an immense area in Africa; that there are long railroads, important manufacturing, great libraries and renowned writers with all the modern improvements. Nowhere on earth is there a more curious mixture of races. On the same ostrich farm may be found the English proprietor and family, the Boer Dutch overseer, the Kaffir laborer and the Hottentot domestic servant, and in the parliament of Cape Colony English and Dutch are heard in the debates, while all the merchants, couriers and other intermediaries know enough of both languages for general business.

Cape Colony covers about 200,000 square miles, two-thirds of the people are of Dutch blood, the English come next and many other races have their representatives. Natal is more purely English. The Orange Free State and the Transvaal are two republics organized by Dutch emigrants from Cape Colony. The great diamond mines and new gold fields add their variety, and all these regions will be well represented at Chicago. Mayor Graaf was born at Villiersdorp in Cape Colony in 1860, and represents a family history of unusual interest.

The De Villiers, of Rochelle, were one of the oldest families in France, and when the war against the Protestants began the parents told their four sons to fly the country, in order that the family might not be exterminated. Three complied, and the very next day all the rest of the family were killed and the mansion burned. The fugitives reached Holland. From one of them, Sir Henry de Villiers, chief justice of Cape Colony, is descended, and from another Mr. Graaf. He was reared on his father's farm and educated at the college of Cape Town, and by the constitution known as the Afrikaner Bond became a citizen.

By this agreement, made in 1876, the Dutch and English are equal citizens, and both languages are used in the legislature. The white natives and residents of South Africa are known as Afrikaners, the word Afrikaner conveying to European ears a suggestion of color. Olive Schreiner has recently given the reading world some very realistic pictures of the ostrich farms, and in the Transvaal and Free State, and now Mr. Graaf tells us that the exports and imports at Cape Town exceed \$100,000,000 in value yearly.

After being twice elected mayor, Mr. Graaf declined a re-election on the ground that he wanted to make a foreign tour, nevertheless they elected him for the third time and gave him leave of absence for six months. Under his administration great improvements have been inaugurated. The water descending from Table mountain is to be utilized in lighting the city by electricity, and the world renowned botanic gardens are to be greatly improved and made into a free park. About \$90,000,000 have been expended on the railroads so far. Such is the country and such are the enormous interests that Mayor Graaf represented at Chicago, and this at an age when men generally think they have done well to have made a good start in business.

Invalids of All Nations. According to the clerk of the Good Samaritan dispensary at Broome and Essex streets, New York, the polyglot character of city life is there well illustrated. His task is to assign hundreds of patients to the various departments of the dispensary. Many of the patients, having been treated often before, know that it is their first duty to sit on the benches and await their turn. But scores do not know so much, and when the ignorant ones come, crowding to the busy clerk's desk, he simply repeats "Sit down" in all the languages at his command. If English has no effect German is pretty sure to thin the ranks of applicants, and after that Polish and Russian usually suffice.

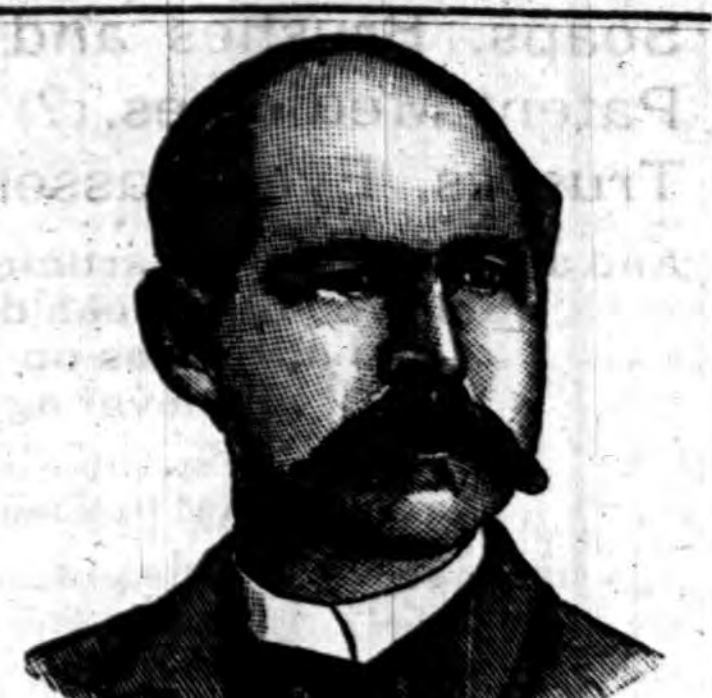
He Gave Dancing Lessons. The young man who acts as station agent of the Southern Pacific railway at Santa Clara ought to get ahead if there is any merit in enterprise and the utilization of acquired talents. Passengers complained that the waiting room at the depot was always closed. Investigation showed that the agent had a piano in the ladies' waiting room and had been giving dancing lessons in the afternoons and evenings. To have outsiders in the rooms might have interfered with his pupils, so he kept the doors locked. That passengers had nowhere to sit down didn't worry him. The officials closed the dancing school very suddenly, but had not the heart to discharge Allen.

Oregon as a Fruit Farm. Oregon, according to a Portland paper, is certain to become "the greatest fruit growing state of the Union." One expert says that Italian prunes grown in the Willamette valley are superior to those of Italy. The climate, he declares, resembles that of the fruit region of Asia Minor. One grower has planted about 15,000 prune trees in 150 acres in the Willamette, and it is said that prunes and other fruits are being cultivated in thousands of other farms.

There's light ahead for the women who suffer if they'll only turn towards it. There's a guaranteed remedy for all the delicate derangements, chronic weaknesses, and painful disorders that make women miserable. It's Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—and it makes women healthy and strong.

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